(b) if so, the percentage of the sick industries which were found in the country during 1998-99 and 1999- 2000;

(c) whether mismanagement is the major factor which is responsible for their sickness; and

(d) if so, the percentage of the industries wherein sickness has been assessed due to mismanagement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the lastest data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India from scheduled commercial banks, the number of sick small scale industries at the end of March, 1997, 1998 and 1999 are as under:—

| As at the end of | Total number of sick small scale units |
|---|---|
| March, 1997 | 2,35,032 |
| March, 1998 | 2,21,536 |
| March, 1999 | 3,06,221 (Provisional) |

The extent of sickness in terms of percentage to total SSI units as on 31 st March, 1999 (provisional) works out to 9.8%.

(c) and (d) The causes of sickness are manifold, namely, inadequacy of credit, marketing problems, delayed implementation of projects, poor management, infrastructural problems, technological problems, etc. Mismanagement is one of the factors responsible for sickness. Separate data on percentage of units falling sick due to mismanagement are not maintained.

**Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme**

5013. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme for the development of small scale industries in rural, backward and hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have assessed the progress made by UD scheme in this hilly State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Integrated Infrastructural Development (UD) Scheme for rural/backward areas is being implemented by the Central Government all over the country under which IID Centres (estimated cost Rs. 5.00 crores) are set up to provide basic infrastructural facilities for small/tiny units. The project cost is shared between Government of India and SIDBI in the ratio of 2:3 (4:1 for the North East Region). The Central Government share is in the form of grant and that of SIDBI as loan. The cost in excess of Rs. 5.00 crores and cost of land is borne by the concerned States/UTs. Two IID Centres have been sanctioned in Himachal Pradesh, one at Village Bhamla in District Mandi (Project Cost: Rs. 490.00 lakhs sanctioned on 11.12.1995) and the other at Village Guwalthai in District Bilaspur (Project Cost: Rs. 4320.00 lakhs sanctioned on 06.05.1997).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The State Government could not implement the IID Centre sanctioned for District Mandi so far due to land acquisition problems. The developmental work relating to IID Centre in District Bilaspur has already commenced and is in progress.

**Promotion of Small Scale Industry**

†5014. SHRI BACHANILEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been reached between India and America to promote small scale industries;

(b) if so, when and the names of the industries likely to be promoted; and

(c) if not, the manner in which Government are considering to promote the small scale industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) with the Export-Import Bank of the United States on March 24, 2000 for co-operation on financing for Indian Small and Medium Enterprises, Information Technology and other enterprises, seeking to purchase US goods and services.

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